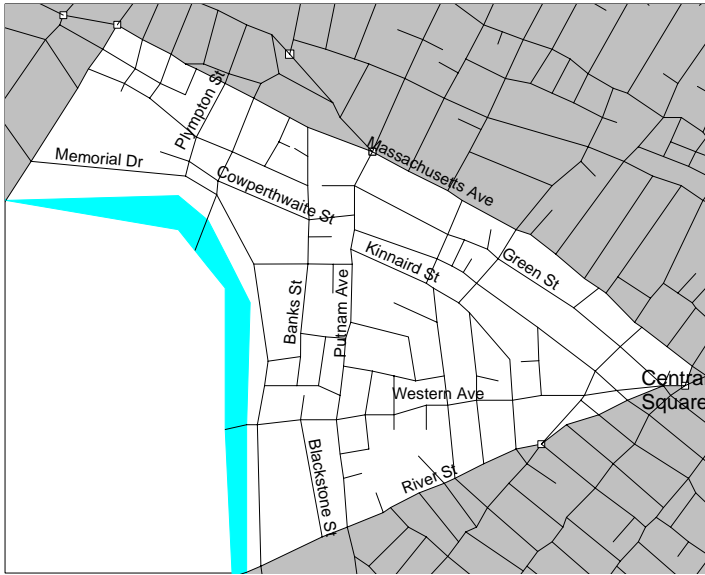
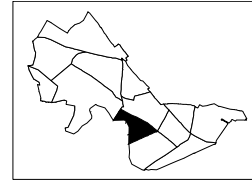


NEIGHBORHOOD 7

RIVERSIDE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, River Street, the Charles River, and JFK Street

POPULATION: 11,201 residents
3,341 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$27,415

Neighborhood #7 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officer cars) and Cars 6R and 10R (1 officer cars). Also included within its boundaries are walking routes 7A and 7B.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, JAN-JUNE 00 - 04

| CRIME | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Housebreaks | 16 | 22 | 21 | 13 | 16 |
| Street Robbery | 8 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 15 |
| Auto Theft | 12 | 26 | 18 | 16 | 10 |
| Larceny from MVs | 14 | 20 | 13 | 8 | 22 |
| Malicious Destruction | 43 | 47 | 45 | 39 | 21 |
| Drug Incidents | 3 | 4 | 11 | 5 | 7 |

2004 FIRST HALF IN REVIEW

• In the second quarter there were 7 **street robberies** in Riverside. All but one occurred on a Saturday or Monday. Two incidents occurred within minutes of each other in the same general area, where similarly described suspects attempted to rob a pizza delivery man after successfully robbing two woman and a man by gunpoint. • **Auto theft** and **larcenies from motor vehicles** each increased dramatically from the first quarter. Four of the **stolen autos** were Hondas, the most commonly stolen auto in Cambridge overall. Seven of the cars have been recovered to date. • Approximately 45% of the vehicles targeted for larcenies had their windows smashed or doors pried. Stereos were targeted in 36% of incidents, and miscellaneous personal effects left in plain view were stolen 27% of the time. • Putnam Ave and River Street reported nearly one-third of all **housebreaks**, although they were spread throughout the first 5 months of the year. The majority of breaks were reported on weekdays in the early to mid-afternoon. • Six of the 7 **drug incidents** were arrests for marijuana possession or possession with intent to distribute. The Special Investigations Unit confiscated cocaine, crack and marijuana in the last incident during the execution of a search warrant.

| ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR RIVERSIDE AREA TARGET CRIMES | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| Crime | 1981-1990 | Rank '81-'90* | 1991-2002 | Rank '91-'02* | Rank 2003* |
| Housebreaks | 83 | 7 | 44 | 6 | 7 |
| Street Robbery | 34 | 4 | 17 | 6 | 4 |
| Auto Theft | 92 | 9 | 40 | 9 | 6 |
| Larceny from MVs | 87 | 7 | 46 | 8 | 9 |
| Malicious Destruction | 78 | 9 | 76 | 8 | 7 |

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Riverside has the fourth highest population in the city, but it ranks well below the average for almost all index crimes. Along with its 10,000 residents, Riverside has two housing developments (Putnam Gardens and the River-Howard homes), two major parks (Hoyt Field and Riverside Press Park), and many commercial establishments along Massachusetts Avenue, River Street, and Western Avenue. Several Harvard University dormitories and other properties occupy the northwestern quarter. Riverside's borders also encompass the United States Post Office and the Cambridge Police Department headquarters.

Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the northwestern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on university property.

- Most of the **malicious destruction** vandalism targets motor vehicles. Occasional patterns of this crime over long holiday weekends have been a problem in the past.
- **Street robberies** are low for a neighborhood of Riverside's population, but they remain a pressing problem. Most of these incidents are on Western Avenue. Riverside has an exceptionally low **housebreak** rate for its size; a few clusters appear on Franklin and Kinnaird Streets, and at Putnam Gardens.
- Hoyt Field, the site of a murder in the summer of 1997, has long been considered a **robbery** and **narcotics** hotspot.
- The only neighborhoods with lower **auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles** totals have less than half of Riverside's population.

